

## January 2024

I'm sure everyone is saying it, but 2023 sure did go by fast! It was a great year for us and by the end of January we'll be able to say that we've been here for a whole year We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. This was our first Christmas to not spend time with our families in the States, but it was a great opportunity to start some of our own traditions. The average Honduran tradition seems to be to stay up late on Christmas Eve, set off lots of fireworks, eat good food, and have tamales on Christmas day. We got to spend part of Christmas Eve with a Honduran family from the church we attend and had a blessed time with them. While this is not Sofia's first Christmas, it was the first one since she's been old enough to anticipate, and anticipate it she did. On Christmas morning, after we read the biblical account of the birth of Jesus in Luke 2 (which, per her insistence, Amber and I have read to her dozens of time throughout the month of December), the first thing

Sofia wanted to do was to give her baby sister the present she picked out for her. As we begin this New Year, let us all be grateful throughout the year for the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ. who is the Savior given for all people.

One of the last blessings I received in 2023 was the opportunity to preach a message in Spanish at the church we go to, Lighthouse Baptist Church. I told my wife before I preached that this is what God made me to do and be. As much as I may enjoy my hobbies, good food, or spending time with my girls, there is nothing like sharing the gospel and goodness of Christ. I am blessed to be called to preach, and am looking forward hopefully to start our first church plant before the end of 2024.



We are still waiting on our residency to go through. Please pray that our paperwork would all process and there are no more set-backs. From a human perspective it feels like every slow-down that can happen has happened, but we know God's hand is upon this process. Now that the holidays are over, we hope to see some more progress. Thank you for another year of your prayers in 2024. Serving Christ,

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